Statement-II

Statement showing Physical Progress during Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-98 to 2000-01)

Physical : Area in ha.

Sl. No.	Name of State	NTFP		IAEPS		AOFFP	
		Target	Ach.	Target	Ach.	Target	Ach.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4665	4653	9571	9233	9744	9064
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1155	590	2183	1860	880	360
3.	Assam	1693	1300	2750	2250	12400	8293
4.	Bihar	725	0	2700	1510	8109	2698
5.	Goa	715	520	0	0	390	365
6.	Gujarat	1795	1745	1840	1840	12325	10185
7.	Haryana	805	705	2445	2445	10675	10606
8.	Himachal Pradesh	990	810	2460	1900	11515	11364
9.	J&K	5187	4749	12122	10168	12810	4288
10.	Karnataka	1382	1539	5412	4558	11844	10327
11.	Kerala	490	274	11219	11309	3490	3203
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3855	2836	16190	14875	49125	42764
13.	Maharashtra	1840	1240	8350	3083	5988	4636
14.	Manipur	2010	940	9778	9808	10500	8270
15.	Meghalaya	400	400	250	250	2400	800
16.	Mizoram	1800	1200	3400	3400	14000	12500
17.	Nagaland	1392	405	1925	1925	1280	293
18.	Orissa	5800	4725	25030	12225	13465	11833
19.	Punjab	860	595	2570	1170	12922	2912
20.	Rajasthan	2750	2700	9900	9150	13000	13000
21.	Sikkim	3000	3000	6200	6000	4704	3858
22.	Tamil Nadu	1030	700	1500	100	13100	10500
23.	Tripura	840	475	4385	3327	6757	5859
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3000	1100	11434	10778	20244	14959
25.	West Bengal	1597	1462	4000	3168	11942	11942
26.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL :	49776	38563	157614	126632	273608	214879

Changes in Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

†*380. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT ANF FORESTS be pleased to state:

†Orig. ..l notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that developmental activities in Adivasi and tribal areas have been adversely affected as a result of implementation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government would consider to make the Act a bit flexible so that developmental activities in Adivasi and tribal areas remain unaffected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Forests provide several usufructs in meeting the sustenance and livelihood needs of the tribals including food during lean period. Regulation of diversion of forest to non-forestry activity is in the long term interest of the tribal and local communities. Therefore, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 helps in safeguarding interests of the Adivasis and tribals rather than adversely affecting them. The Act has adequate flexibility to allow the activities that are for the welfare of the tribal community without causing irreparable damage to the forest eco-system.

The Act being regulatory and not prohibitory in nature is flexible enough to allow important developmental activities on forest lands and as such no change or amendment in the Act is contemplated.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Competitive Bidding at IASRI

2735. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any circular/communication from Central Vigilance Commission advising Government departments that works exceeding a particular amount shall be executed by inviting competitive open tenders;

(b) whether the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is following this advise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether horticultural work in IASRI is done through private contract from 1998-99 onwards, without calling quotations; and